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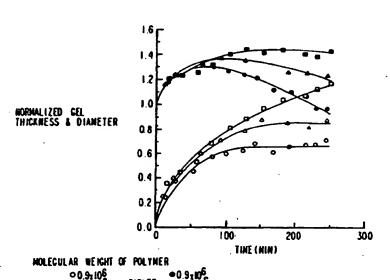
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A controlled release tablet including a pharmaceutical agent and an excipient. The excipient includes at least about 60 % of a water swellable polymer and a lubricant. The water swellable polymer is chosen such that the swelling rate of the polymer is equal to the dissolution rate of the swollen polymer. The excipient may also include such other ingredients as diluents, fillers, binders, solubilizers, emulsifiers, and other pharmacologically inactive compounds. The polymer is chosen with the pharmaceutical agent in mind such that the tablet will be fully dissolved at the same time that the last of the pharmaceutical agent is released.

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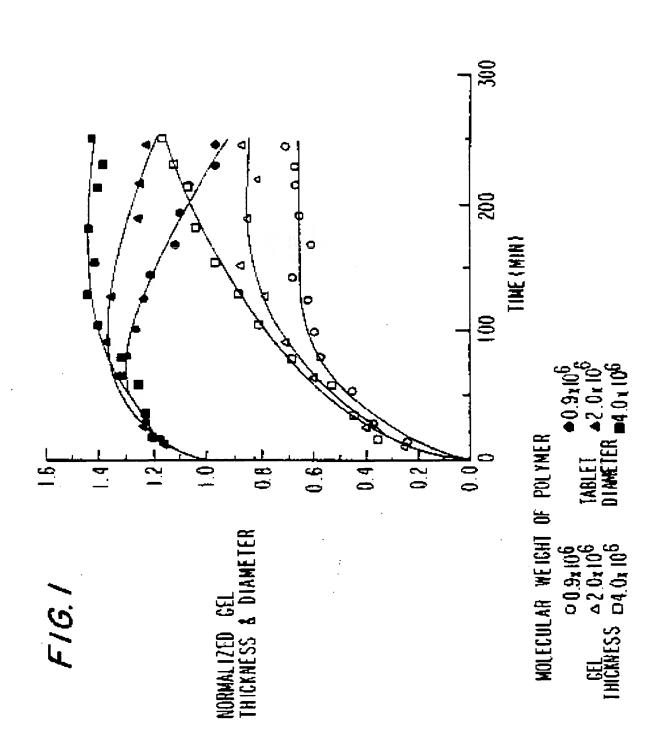
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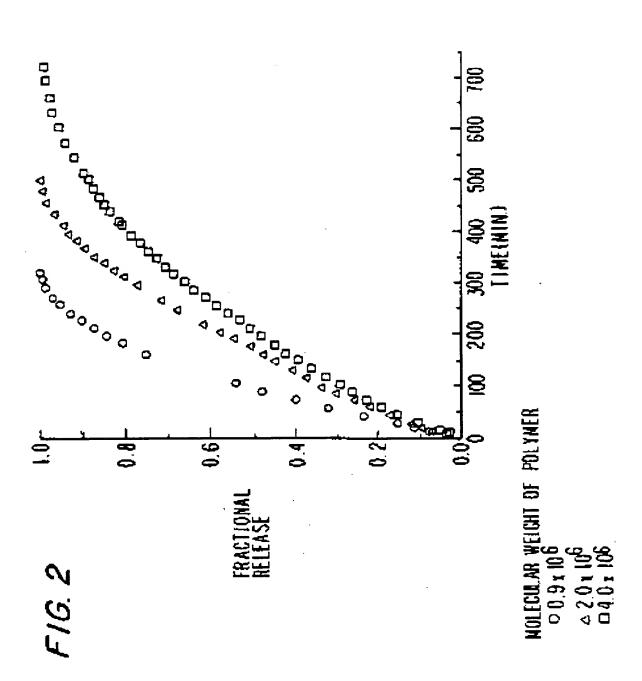
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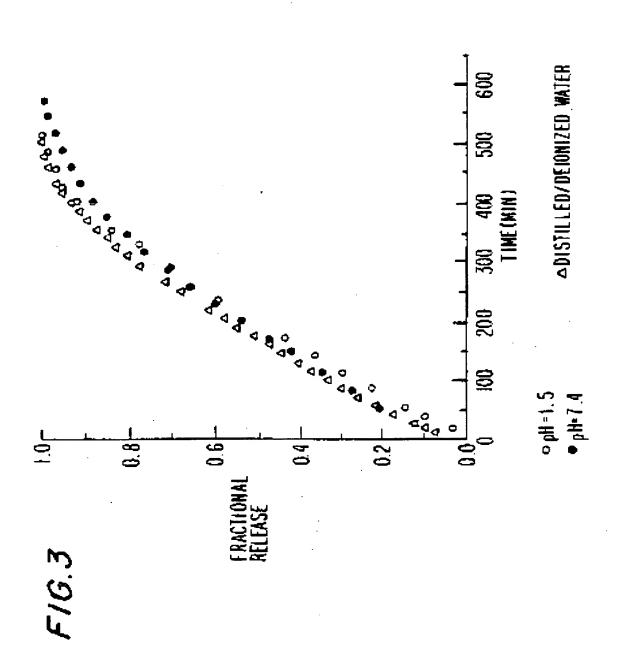
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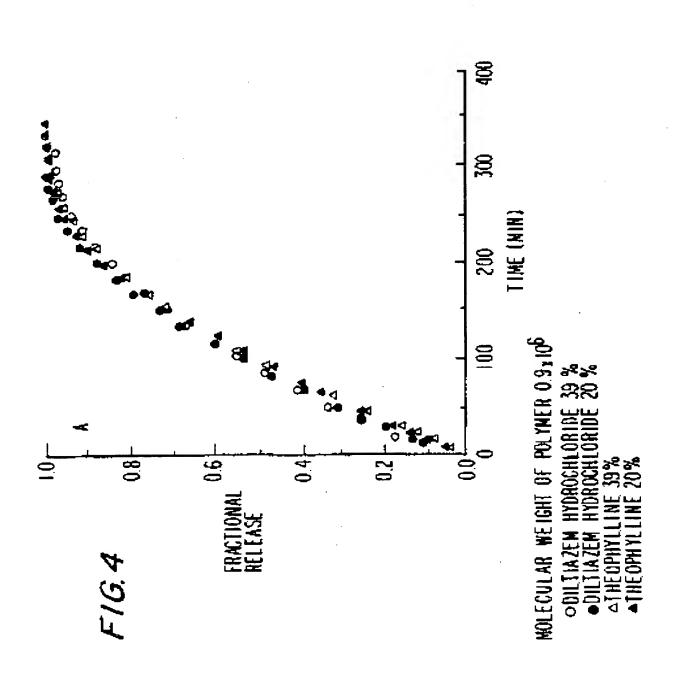
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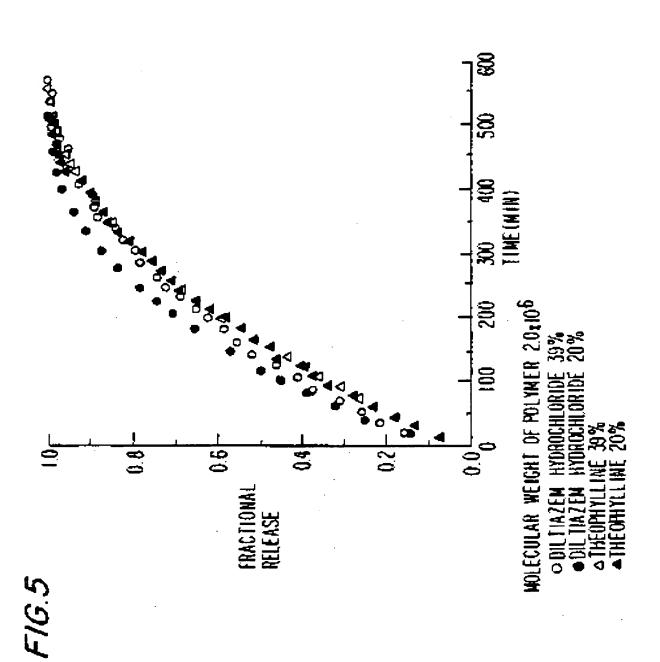
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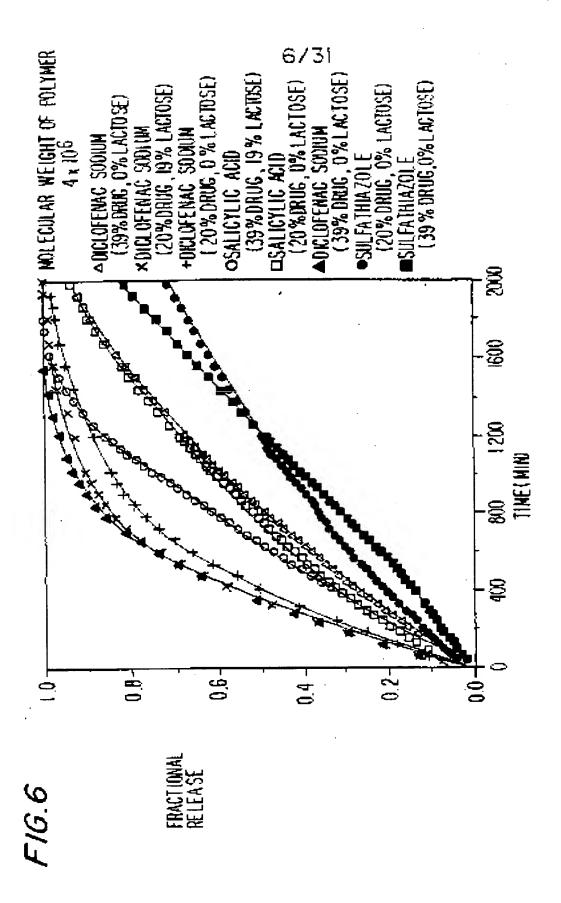


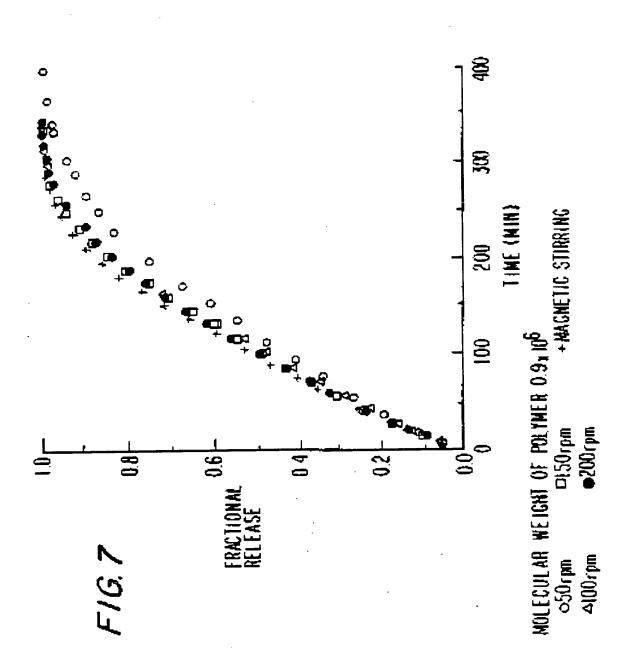


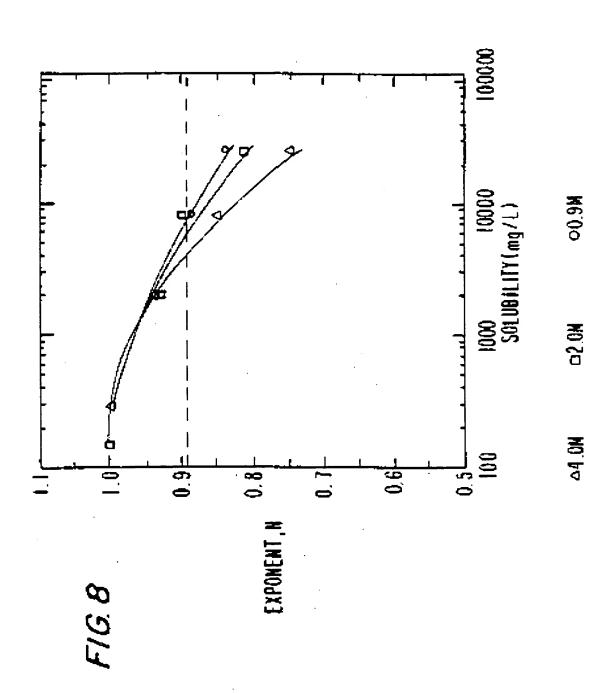


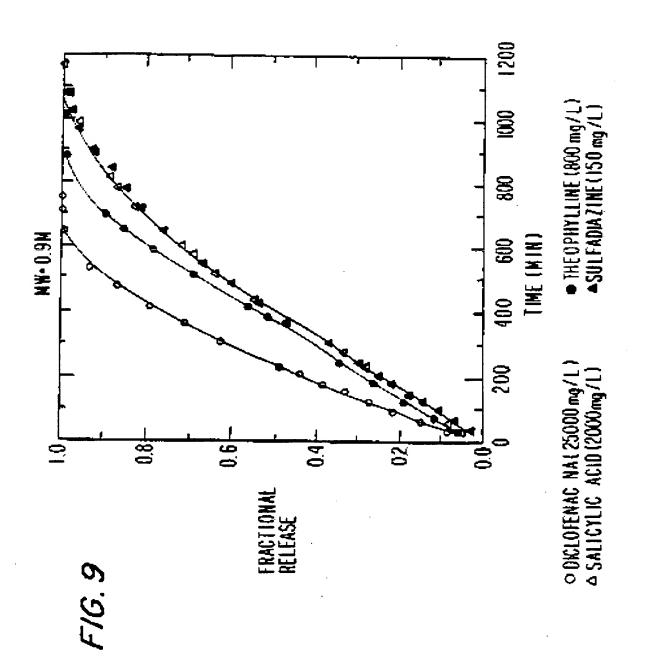




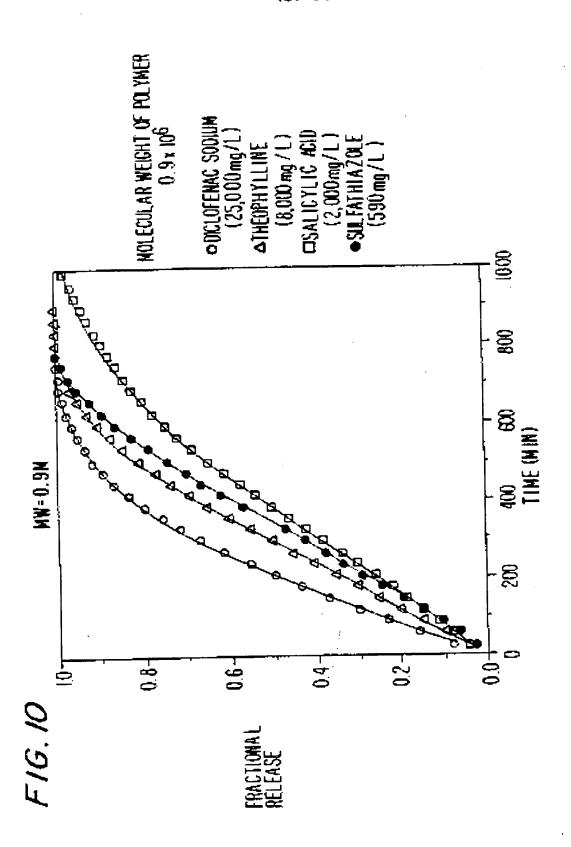




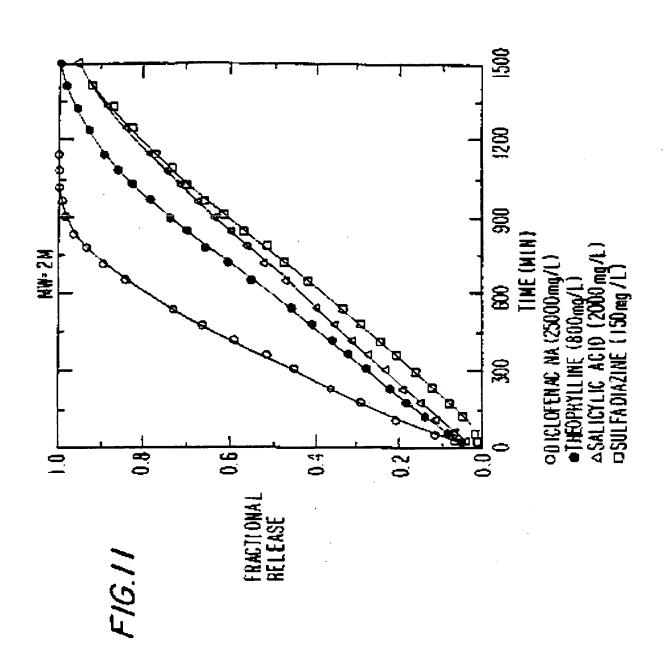


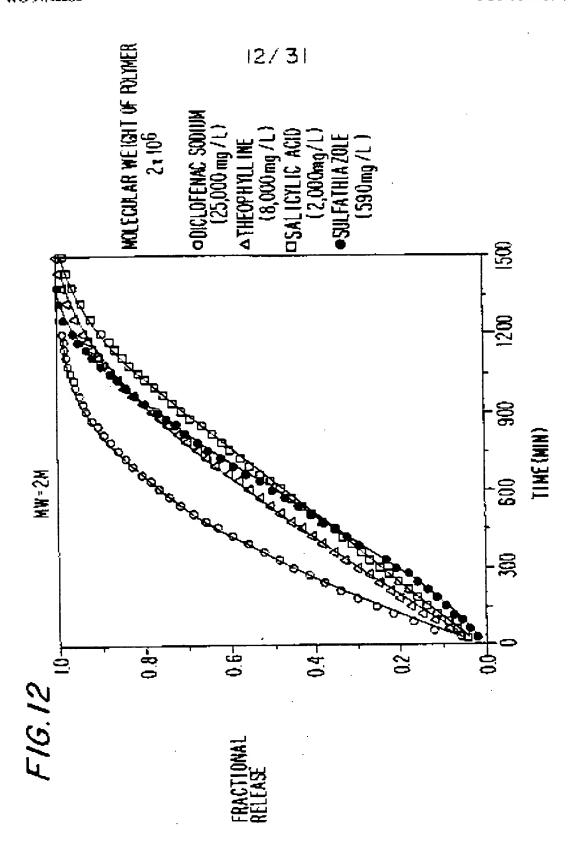


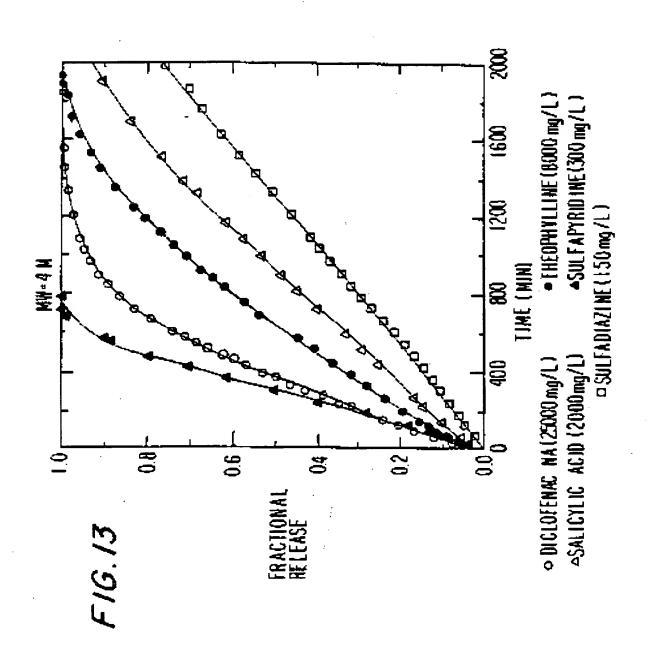
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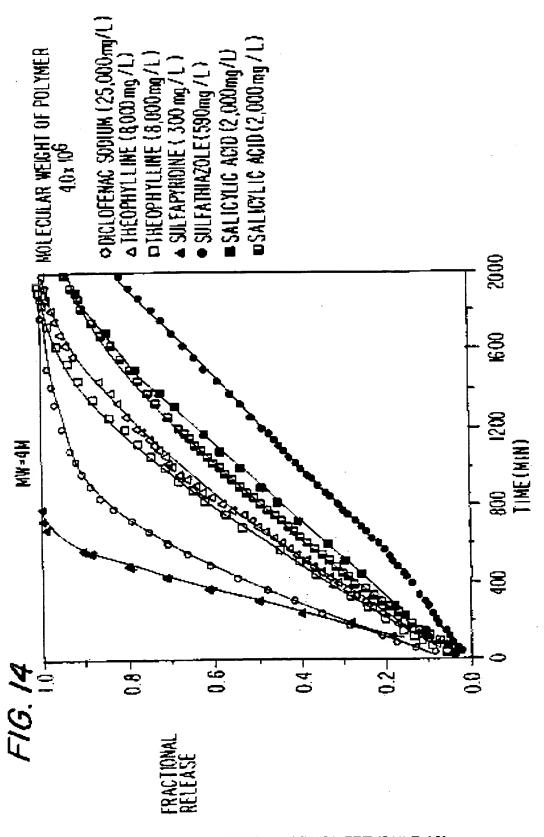


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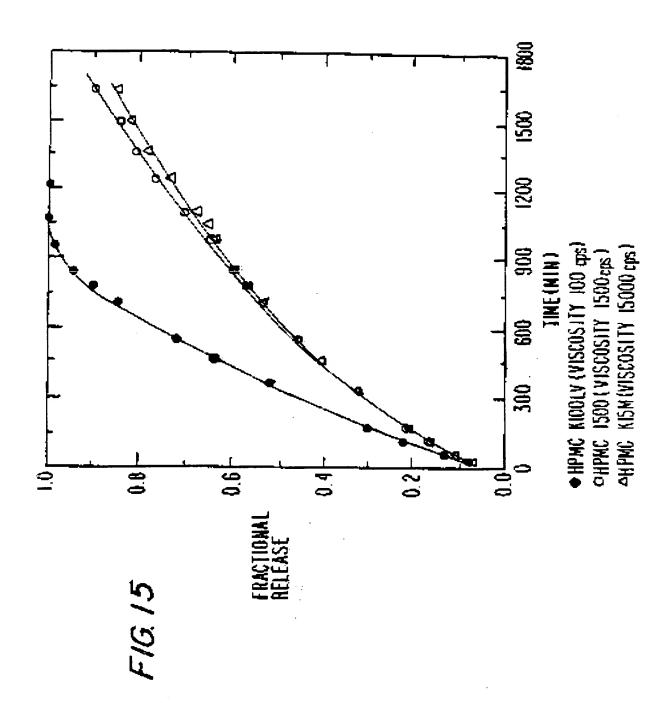


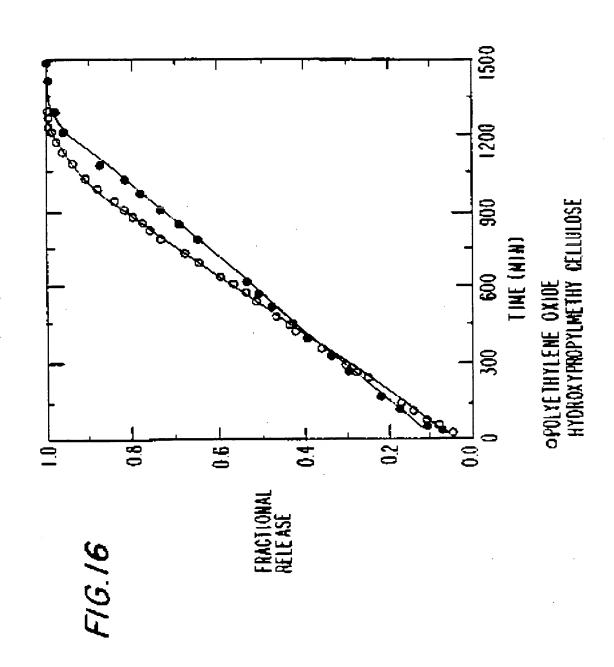


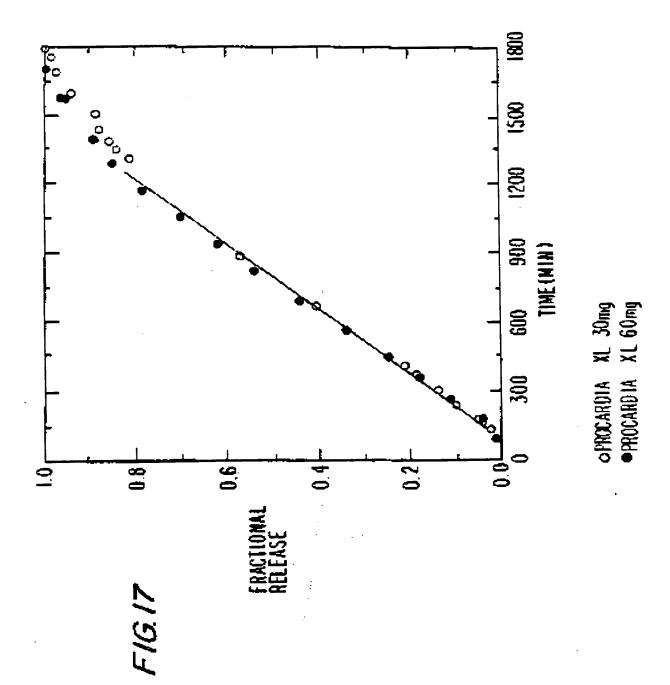


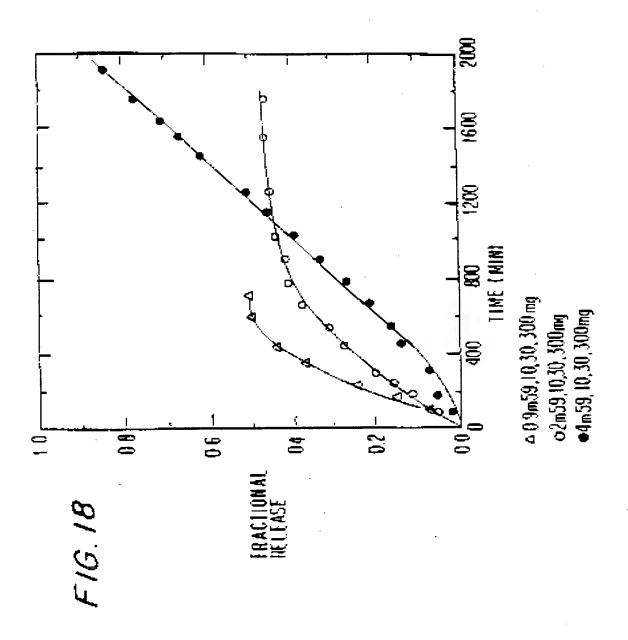


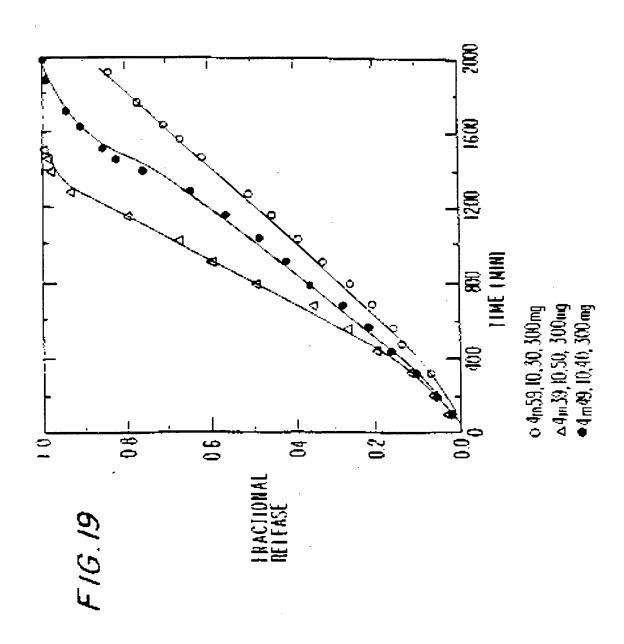
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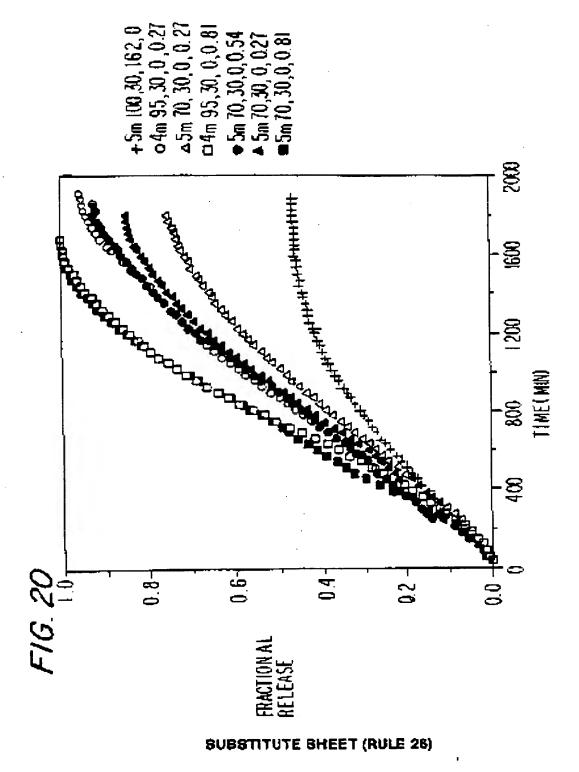


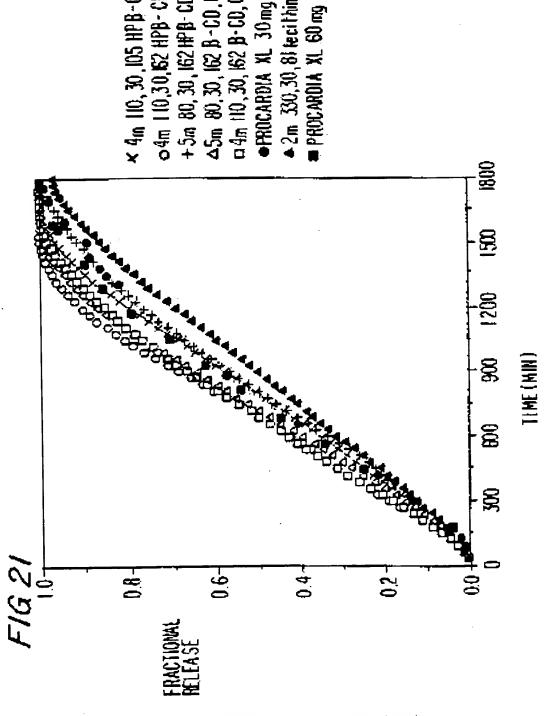




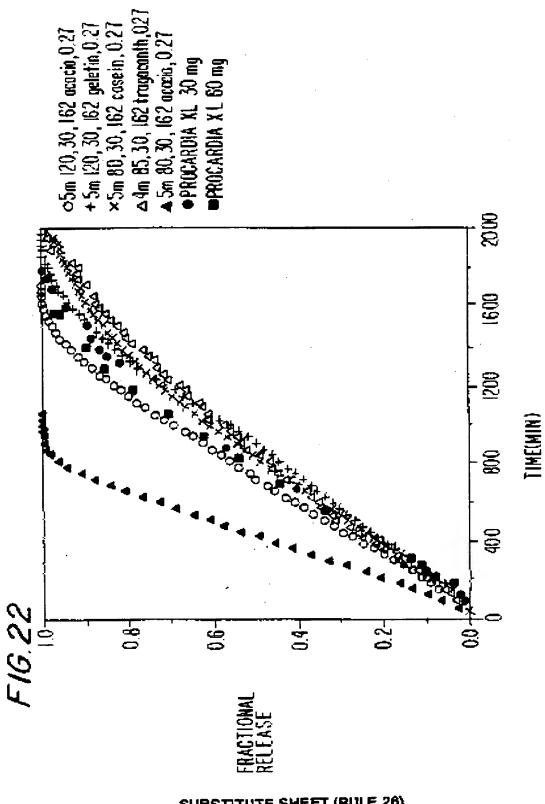
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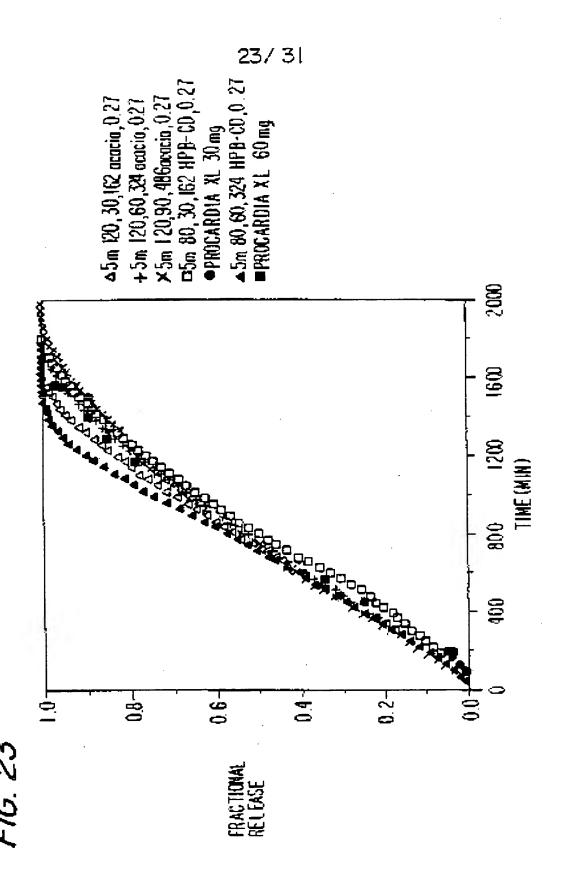




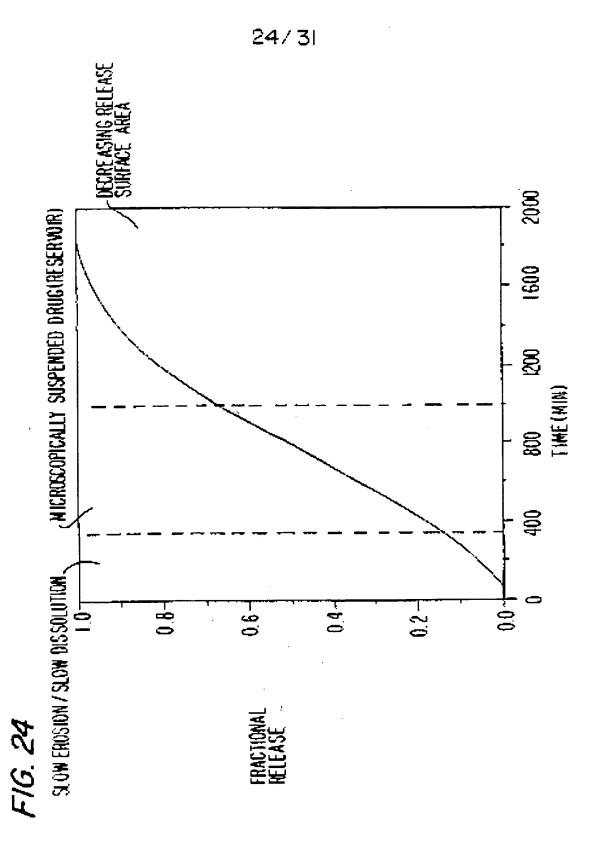
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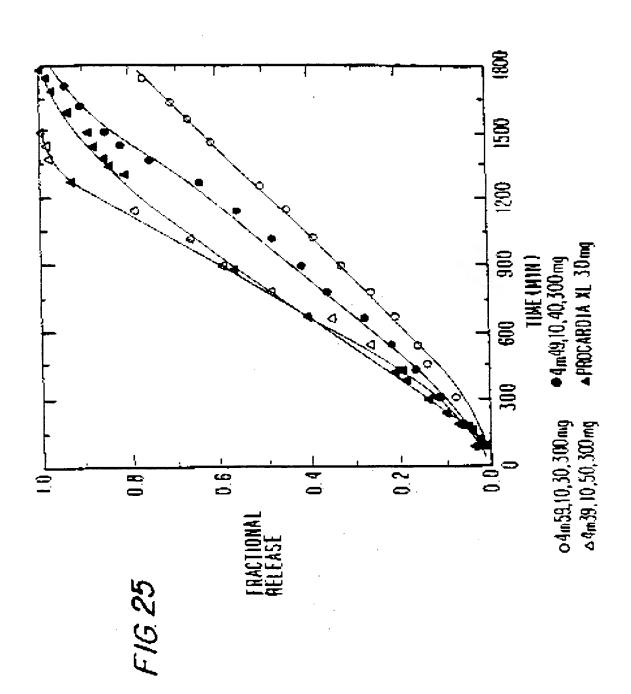


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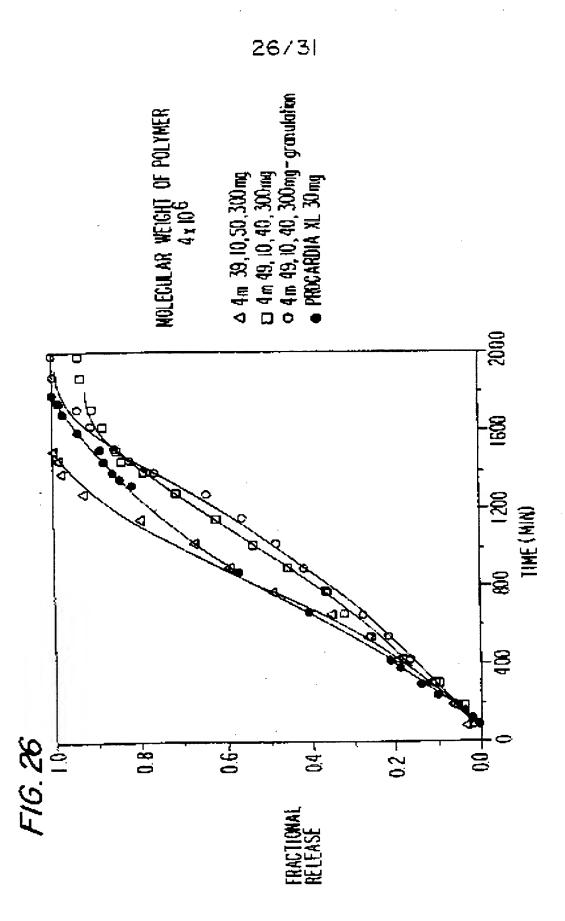


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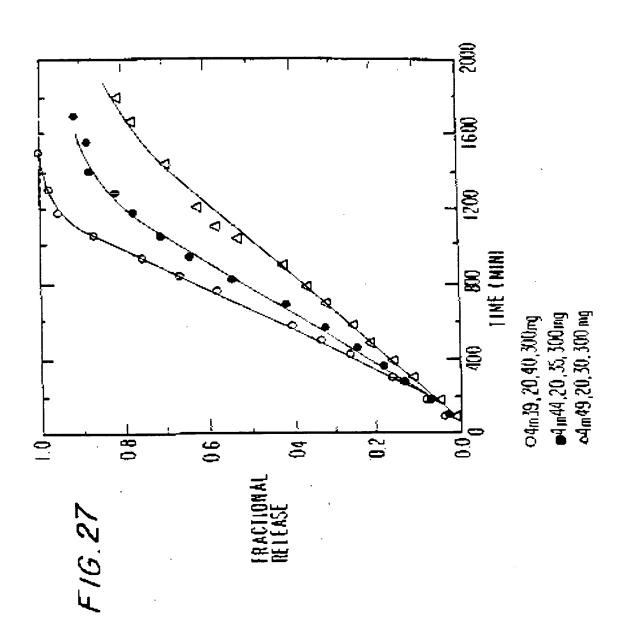




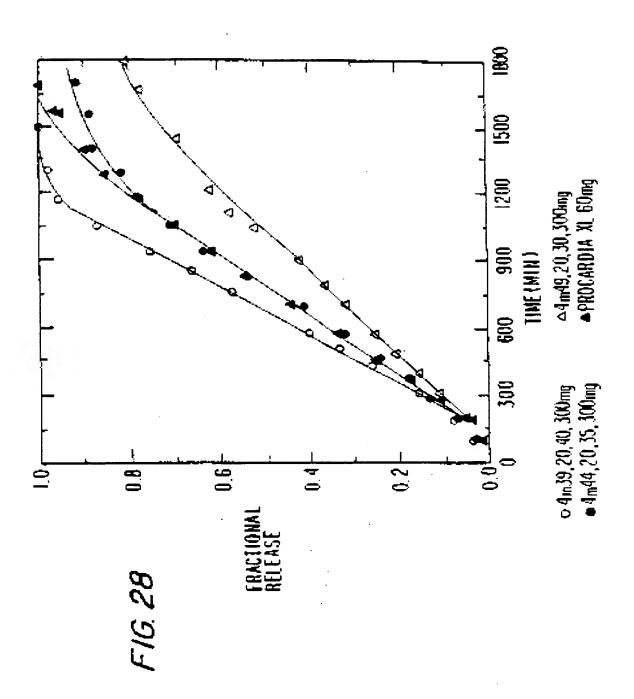
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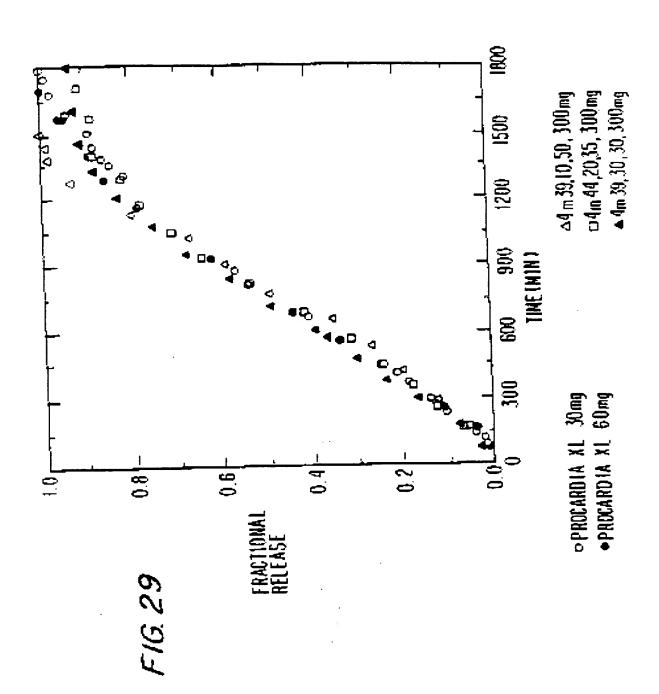


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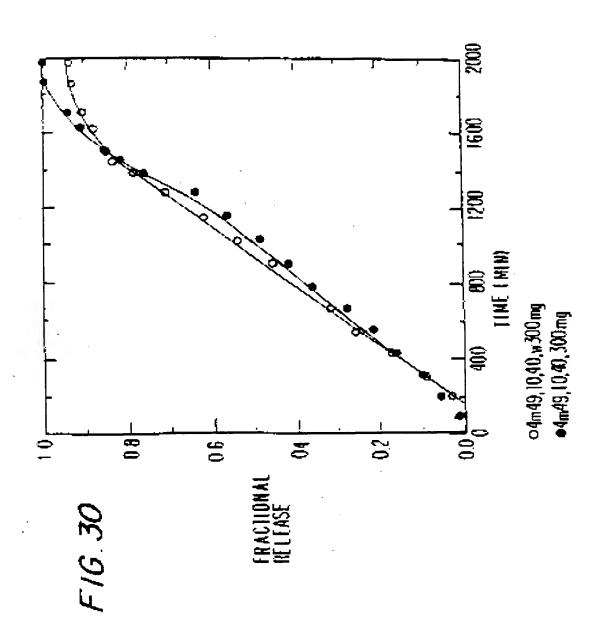


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